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SUBJECT: CODEL BENNETT'S MEETING WITH BENAZIR BHUTTO

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

1. (C) Summary. With Codel Bennett November 30, Benazir Bhutto indicated she will participate in the January 8 general elections but asked for
2. (C) Ambassador, Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), Congressman David Dreier (R-CA), Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) and Congressman Joe Wilson R-SC
3. (C) Bhutto thanked the USG for its support of free, fair and transparent elections in Pakistan and provided her views on the current securi
4. (C) Bhutto said she was pleased that President Musharraf had announced a date for lifting the State of Emergency and restoring the constitv
5. (C) On the proposed boycott of opposition political parties, Bhutto said that he has spoken several times to Pakistan Muslim League-N leade
6. (C) Senator Corker expressed appreciation for Pakistan's efforts in fighting terrorism and promised to raise with President Musharraf our s
7. (C) Congressman Dreier agreed that we wanted free and fair elections--he had seen some progress and would support a robust International Re
8. (C) Congressman Issa reiterated support for improving the electoral process but said that in reality there will be widespread voter fraud.
9. (C) Congressman Wilson noted that he had participated in elections observation in Bulgaria and had learned the importance of adequate trair
10. (C) On her relationship with President Musharraf, Bhutto noted there were two fault lines in Pakistan: dictatorship vs. democracy and mode
11. (C) Codel Bennett did not clear this message.
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